



Plot Notes

Topic: _____

OVERVIEW

1. **Exposition:** Background information that establishes the setting and describes the situation in which the main characters find themselves.
2. **Rising action:** Characters face or try to solve a problem. This results in conflicts within themselves or with others; these conflicts grow more intense and complicated as the story unfolds.
3. **Climax:** Eventually the story reaches a crucial moment when the characters must act.
4. **Falling action:** Sometimes called the denouement, this part of the story explores the consequences of the climactic decision. The reader feels the tension in the story begin to ease.
5. **Resolution:** The story's central problem is finally solved, leaving the reader with a sense of completion, though the main characters may not feel the same way.

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Observations: Possible themes, important characters, notes on the author's style